

Weekly Status & Information Report: September 17 - 21, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of September 24, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Sidewalk Repairs: The City's sidewalk repair program will be moving to Sycamore Avenue next week. The repairs will bring the sidewalks into compliance with accessibility rules. (Public Works)

3. Tree Commission Walk: Join the City of Takoma Park Tree Commission this Saturday, September 22, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in a walk to view the tree canopy in Ward 6. Commissioners will point out trees of interest, identify potential opportunities for planting new trees, and discuss the care and maintenance of existing trees. The Tree Commission will meet at 3 p.m. at the corner of Elson Place and 13th Avenue. From there, it will walk up Elson Place, turn left on 13th Place, right on Erskine, right on 14th Avenue, and around onto 13th Avenue by Hillwood Manor Park to end. Participants are free to join in for all or part of the walk. For more information, contact the Tree Commission at [treecommission@takomagov.org](mailto:treecommission@takomagov.org). (City Clerk)

4. Fourth Annual Day of Play: On Saturday, September 22 in partnership with Takoma Plays!, the Recreation Department will be providing a Day of Play! This free event is open to families of all ages and will be held at Takoma Park Middle School from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Popular events such as Touch-A-Truck, chess and Simon Says will return. For additional information, please visit [www.takomaplays.org](http://www.takomaplays.org). (Recreation)

5. Car Free Day is September 22: Car Free Day is an international event celebrated every September 22nd in which people are encouraged to get around without cars and instead ride a train, bus, bicycle, carpool, subway, or walk. Car Free Day is organized in the Washington metropolitan area by Commuter Connections. Pledge to go car free or 'car-lite' at <http://www.carfreemetrodc.com/pledge-to-car-free.php>. (Housing and Community Development)

6. After-School Sports Begin Next Week: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is offering some fantastic sports opportunities for youth when they get out of school. Go Deep - Flag football and Outdoor Street Hockey are free for Takoma Park residents. For more information please contact (301) 891-7290. (Recreation)

7. CDBG Applications Deadline-September 24: The City of Takoma Park's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides funding for a wide range of activities focused on neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations and nonprofit entities. Deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012. Program Guidelines and FY14 Application. Forms are available at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/) (Housing and Community Development)

8. The Caldecott Club: The Library's Caldecott club resumes this coming Monday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. Created by the American Library Association to spotlight the best illustrated children's books, the Caldecott Medal is 75 years old this year. Each month Karen MacPherson will lead participants of all ages in looking at a particular decade of Caldecott winners. On Monday, they will look at winners from the 1930's and 40's, including "Make Way for the Ducklings" and other old favorites. Picture book enthusiasts of all ages are welcome to attend the program. (Library)

9. "The Man" - Screening and Discussion: We are Takoma presents a free screening of Rod Sterling's 1972 film, "The Man," followed by a discussion with actor and film preservationist Clayton LeBouef ("Homicide: Life On the Street," "The Wire"). In the film, based on the novel by Irving Wallace, Senator Douglass Dilman (James Earl Jones) suddenly becomes the first black man to occupy the Oval Office. "The Man" is essentially a lost film, with no DVD, video stream or other release except for screenings at small events from one of three 16mm prints in existence or a licensed screening from a 'non-traditional' DVD source. Screening will be held on Thursday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Free Admission. Go to [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/event](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/event). (Housing and Community Development)

10. Scribbler's Cabal: Next Saturday, September 29, Scribbler's Cabal returns from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Young artists are invited to come and share ideas and inspiration with Dave Burbank. (Library)

11. International Walk to School Day: On Wednesday, October 3, Takoma Park Middle School and Takoma Park, Piney Branch, East Silver Spring and Rolling Terrace Elementary Schools will encourage students and their families to walk to school that day. Details to follow. (Housing and Community Development)

12. College Bound: It's not too late to register for the College Bound Speakers' Series. These workshops for college-bound high schoolers and their parents begin Thursday, October 4, with Dr. Herm Davis discussing college financing. On Tuesday, October 16, Dr. Lorie Ness talks about the transition to college life, and on Tuesday, October 23, Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre will discuss the college selection process. These programs will be held in the Library at 7:00 p.m. Please register at [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html) or by calling 301-891-7259 (<http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html%20or%20by%20calling%20301-891-7259>). (Library)

13. Tenant Rights Class - October 11: Are you having trouble getting repairs done in your apartment? Do you know how to protect your security deposit? Is the rent you are paying correct under the Takoma Park code? These are just some of the topics

that will be discussed at this free class that will be held on Thursday, October 11 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Pre-registration is required by calling 301-891-7215. (Housing and Community Development)

14. Buying a House or Condo? -First Time Home Buyer Class - October 20: Now is the time to brush up on the entire process for purchasing a house or a condo. Where do you start? Right here in this free class (non-residents of Takoma Park-\$25), where you will learn how to select a real estate agent, how to access low interest loan programs sponsored by the county and state, how to read a HUD1 form, what to look for at your closing and much, much more. All attendees receive a certificate of completion for a First Time Home Buyer Class which is required when you use county or state loan programs. The class will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Class size is limited to 30 persons and pre-registration is required by calling 301.891.7222 or LindaW@takomagov.org. (Housing and Community Development)

15. Homeowners/Renters Tax Credit Deadline Extended-10/31/12: The homeowners' and renters' tax credit programs are designed to help low-income homeowners and renters by limiting the amount that they must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documents must be sent to the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation normally no later than September 1 of each year. The filing deadline has been extended to October 31, 2012. To obtain an application, call Linda Walker at 301.891.222 or visit <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html#htcrtc>. (Housing and Community Development)

16. The New Ave City Council Tour: The Planning Division organized a tour of New Hampshire Avenue for the City Council on Wednesday, September 12. Planning Staff discussed City-led economic development initiatives and the key objectives of the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor Concept Plan and its implementation. Stops included the Maryland Gateway, the Ethan Allen Gateway, and Holton Lane. (Housing and Community Development)

17. Teen's Night Cook-Out: On Friday, September 14, 2012, Takoma Park Recreation Center had a cook-out for the teens (ages 12-17). A feast of food prepared by Chef Jim Baxter was enjoyed by many. Teen Night is on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Come and join the fun. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

18. Basketball Skills Clinic is Here!: Basketball Skills commenced on Saturday, September 15 at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. The time of the Skills Clinic is 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 18 youth are learning the fundamentals and finer points of basketball and gaining a keen insight on the game. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). Come and join in the fun with us. (Recreation)

19. Seniors Visit Inner Harbor: Eighteen seniors traveled by Recreation Bus to Baltimore's Inner Harbor on Tuesday, September 18. Seniors were able to explore the Inner Harbor, a major seaport since the 1700s, and recently a cultural center of Baltimore, to enjoy a variety of shopping sites located in Harborplace, and The Gallery, and museums including the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center and the Baltimore Maritime Museum. (Recreation)

20. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On September 17, Officer Magnaye disseminated outreach e-mails to those who work with the elderly population to collaborate on any safety/crime prevention events and presentations that we can provide in the near future. Financial exploitation will most likely be the next topic to provide.
- On September 18, Officer Magnaye interviewed with a Gazette reporter in reference to church security and vulnerability assessments for an article. She disseminated outreach e-mails in reference to having safety patrols from Piney Branch Elementary School assist City Crossing guards, which will be coordinated soon for the rest of the school year.
- On September 19, Officer Magnaye gave station tours for the Takoma Park Elementary School Kindergarten classes. She also conducted foot patrol on University Blvd.
- On September 20, Officer Magnaye attended a Crossroads Development Association meeting. She also gave station tours for the Takoma Park Elementary School Kindergarten classes.
- On September 21, Officer Magnaye gave station tours for the Takoma Park Elementary School Kindergarten classes. She also interviewed with an AACC student-officer in reference to general Takoma Park Police Department information for research paper. (Police)

21. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (September 14-19, 2012) may be viewed online at [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/09/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_20.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/09/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_20.html). (Police)

22. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 66 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one vehicle impound and two Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests from traffic.

During September 12-18, 2012, the following details were completed:

September 12, 2012

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four warnings.

September 13, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (no right turn enforcement – new signs) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued 18 warnings.

September 15, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

September 17, 2012

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Carroll Avenue & Merrimac Drive (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

September 18, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued five warnings.
- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter enforcement) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued 22 warnings. (Police)

23. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week 9/17/12 – 9/20/12

State citations: 3

Calls for service: 14

Reports: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 3

Warnings issued: 24

Court time: 7 hours

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 2

(Police)